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Marshall Fumbles

AFTER the events of the last few weeks it is not possible to be quite so complacent about the future of Singapore. Nor does Mr Marshall, the Chief Minister, deserve the name confidence that many were prepared to acknowledge in the turbulence of the early days of his government. To rise above crisis and subdue heated passions is a gift few politicians possess. Once Mr Marshall seemed to be endowed at least with the sanguine and unruffled temperament that goes with this quality. But lately he has become disturbingly erratic.

Once his words were whip cracks that all but the lawless few obeyed. Today they have taken on an acerbity that is more in tune with the shrill voices on the fringes of Singapore's inchoate public opinion. The city demands action and progress somehow, anyhow. And Mr Marshall does not seem to be able to contain their patience. He seems to be trying to keep ahead of their galloping elation and losing control and some of his confidence in the process.

THE British Parliamentary delegation has seen Singapore at its best and almost at its worst and they cannot have formed any reassuring impression to take back to England. There might be consolation if the spot of unreason at the end of the peninsula had some prospect of merging soon with its more mature and far better behaved partner in constitutional progress—Malaya—but the Tengku believes there is none.

What Mr Marshall will undoubtedly find annoying is that that fact is likely to weigh very considerably with the British delegation even though they note the almost unanimous demand by the Asian population for some form of self-government sooner or later. The fact is that while it is possible to see Malaya established as an independent and thoroughly responsible nation, it is not possible to visualise an island state like Singapore standing on its own economically or politically for very long.

Last week's noisy Merdeka rally for the delegation (in which 30 were hurt) undoubtedly served its purpose for the troublemakers. It should have embarrassed Mr Marshall but he prefers to minimise its significance. It is hard to understand why. It is possible he is trying to convince someone that the strength of the Communists is grossly over-rated and that he and his government have the situation well in hand. The Communists could not agree with him more.

A FEW weeks ago Mr Marshall made a completely unfounded allegation that the Colonial Office had withdrawn from the principle of self-government and was attempting to entrench colonialism. He spoke of a crisis. This may all be a symptom of his own political uncertainty. But if Mr Marshall is half the astute politician he once appeared to be he should know it is dangerous to stir up nationalist sentiment in such an unstable and unpredictable community as his.

It is a pity he should have fumbled so badly at a time when constitutional talks on the Colony's future are so near. The British Government may well be disappointed at the appearance of this impetuous and panicky streak in his character. Mr Marshall should try developing a blunt tactfulness as a foil to the surrounding obsequiousness—not try to match it—and avoid the temptation of rushing into print at the slightest provocation.

Britain Hardens Attitude To Arab Middle East Challenge FOREIGN OFFICE REBUKES NASSER

Replies To Newspaper Interview

STRONG CRITICISM OF VETO MOVE

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A FREE CHOICE

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18,000 mph SHOCK WAVES SET OFF

Washington, Mar. 25. American scientists announced today that they had set off shock waves which attained speeds of 18,000 miles an hour and generated one and a half times more heat than that given off by the sun.

The announcement was made by the Aero Research Laboratories of Everett in Massachusetts with the approval of Air Force officials.

Aero experts also disclosed for the first time the existence of specially built "shock tubes" for setting off the waves, which attained speeds equal to 25

times the speed of sound.

They said the special cannon-shaped tubes were four inches in diameter and 100 feet in length. The shock waves generated temperatures of 15,000 degrees Fahrenheit but lasted only a few millionths of a second, the experts said. They said the experiments paved the way for a thorough study of interaction of the earth's atmosphere and man-made satellites which the United States will launch next year.—France-Press.

EXPERIMENTAL JET PLANE CRASHES

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 25.

An Air Force XB-51 experimental, three-engine jet crashed on take-off at International Airport here today, killing the flight engineer and seriously injuring the pilot.

Major James Rudolph, 36, the pilot, was burned and in hospital in fair condition. The flight engineer's name was not released until his wife could be notified.

Major Rudolph, who flew 60 combat missions in World War II, was one of the Air Force's

chief test pilots and holds the Air Medal and a Navy citation. "He had flown about everything the Air Force had," said a public information officer.

The jet was to be used in a forthcoming Warner Brothers film, "Toward the Unknown". The medium-type bomber, similar to the B-47, was unusual in that it had jet engines in each swept-back wing and one in the fuselage.

The plane failed to gain altitude on take off and fell to the ground, only a few hundred yards past the airport runway, sending billowing black clouds of smoke into the air. It was en route to Barksdale Air Base at Shreveport, Louisiana, and would eventually have headed for Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.—United Press.

NEW ENGLAND IN COLD GRIP

Boston, Mar. 25.

New England today fought icy roads and cold weather following its third major storm of the month. Public officials in Massachusetts alone estimated their snow removal costs at \$10,000,000.

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Cold-Blooded Shooting Of Cypriot Turk

Nicosia, Mar. 25.

Two masked men entered a coffeshop at Kolossi village, six miles west of Limassol tonight, and after lining up customers against the walls shot and killed a Cypriot Turk, Yunus Hussein.

It was officially stated that it is not thought that the killing has any political significance.

A bomb attack in Ktima, on the west coast of Cyprus, and a single rifle shot in Nicosia today shattered the quiet of the island, which has been under a strict curfew all day to prevent disturbances on Greek Independence Day.

THREE ARRESTED

One man was injured by the time bomb and police swooped swiftly to arrest three men.

The bullet in Nicosia smashed through a steel shutter and rattled four dice-playing Britons in a bar. No one was hurt and troops cordoned off the area.

One of the men, Bob Egby of Maldenhead, England, said the shot came from trees near a children's playground. The 303 bullet whistled into the bar just as the four men sat down this evening to play a dice game.—Reuter and United Press.

Mau Maus Surrender To Woman

Nairobi, Mar. 25.

A British woman was stopped on a deserted stretch of road about 70 miles north of here last night by three Africans who told her "we are Mau Mau terrorists and we wish to surrender."

The woman, who described herself simply as Mrs Critchley, chief of the Standard Bank of South Africa, saw that the men were apparently unarmed, according to the police. She agreed to drive them to the nearest station at Gilgil, where they were found to have been members of one of the most notorious gangs in the area.—Reuter.

Terrorists Strike

Casablanca, Mar. 25. A Moroccan gendarme and an area police officer were killed in two terrorist attacks in Casablanca today. The attackers managed to escape.—France-Press.

RACE TO DEVELOP THE ICM RUSSIA CLOSING THE GAP

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Defence Department's research chief warned today that Russia was "closing the gap" between itself and the United States in the race to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile and new jet bombers.

Dr C. C. Furnas, assistant Secretary of Defence for Research and Development, said the Soviets "haven't caught up with us, but they're making rapid progress". He said the US was faced with an "uncomfortable and challenging" situation.

Mr Trevor Gardner, a California industrialist, quit as Air Force research chief in February after criticizing the administration for failing to speed development of the city-wrecking intercontinental ballistic missile.

Mr Gardner said his superiors shaved his research requests by \$200 million. He urged President Eisenhower to place increased emphasis on the missile programme to stay ahead of Russia.

Dr Furnas said it would be "perilous... if we become complacent and think everything is rosy". He was questioned about the relative weapons progress of the United States and Russia in a filmed television interview with Representative Harold Ostertag.

Soviet Activity

Dr Furnas described the situation as more one of Russia "closing the gap" than the United States "falling behind."

The Soviets, he said, were "coming up on us" in development of such weapons as jet bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles, but "they haven't overtaken us."

Mr Gardner, who guided missiles Dr Furnas said, "We are not lagging behind if you take the whole programme." In fact, he said, "I feel quite certain it is correct to say we are well ahead."

He added, however, "if you want to go into particular kinds (of missiles) the story is probably different."

There are certain missiles, he said, in which "the Russians have been specialising and in which they are probably getting quite close to us."

Mr Eisenhower said at a recent news conference that the US was ahead of Russia in the development of some missiles, while the Communists probably were ahead in other aspects of the programme.

1,500 Miles Range

One particular missile which has been cited by Democratic critics of the administration defence programme is the intermediate range ballistic missile with a range of about 1,500 miles. Senator Henry Jackson, has predicted Russia will fire such a weapon before the end of the year. A US drive to develop an intermediate missile was launched late last year in an effort to offset Russian developments in this field.

On the intercontinental ballistic missile, which would have a range of about 5,000 miles, Dr Furnas said the United States had not "perfected" such a weapon and "I'm quite sure that Russia hasn't."

The Ultimate?

He described the so-called ICBM as "pretty close" to being "the ultimate weapon." He said, however, that he believed it possible to evolve "at least a

Gross Over-Estimating By Army Dept

Canberra, Mar. 25.

A parliamentary committee has accused the Australian Army Department of "gross over-estimation" of its 1954-55 estimates.

One member of the public accounts committee, Mr Hugh Leslie described the department's over-estimating as a "dangerous situation."

The committee heard evidence yesterday from Mr A. D.

McKnight, Secretary of the Army Department, admitting that some items in the Army estimates were "unrealistic" and that "over-estimating" could be avoided.

Mr McKnight said a section was being set up to check estimates during the financial year and "see they are fully justified."

The total Army estimates for 1954/55 was A\$78,180,000.

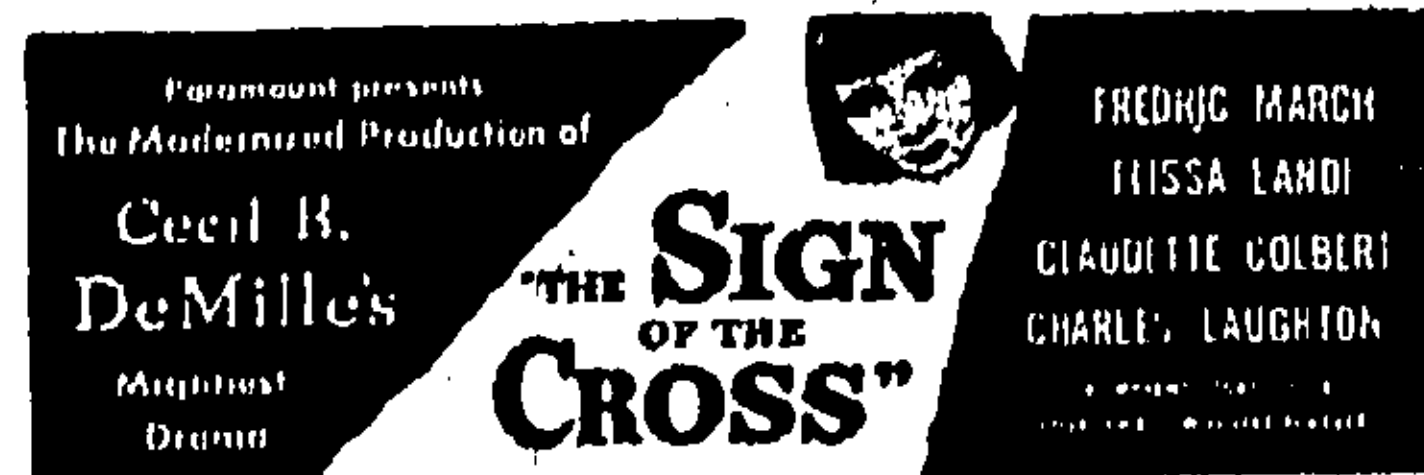
(about 259,040,000 sterling), against actual expenditure of A\$61,500,000 (about £249,200,000 sterling).

Mr McKnight said he could not explain why the department had asked for an additional A\$2,800,000 (about £1,120,000 sterling) a special grant, added to this original estimate for arms and equipment less than a quarter of which was spent.—Reuter.

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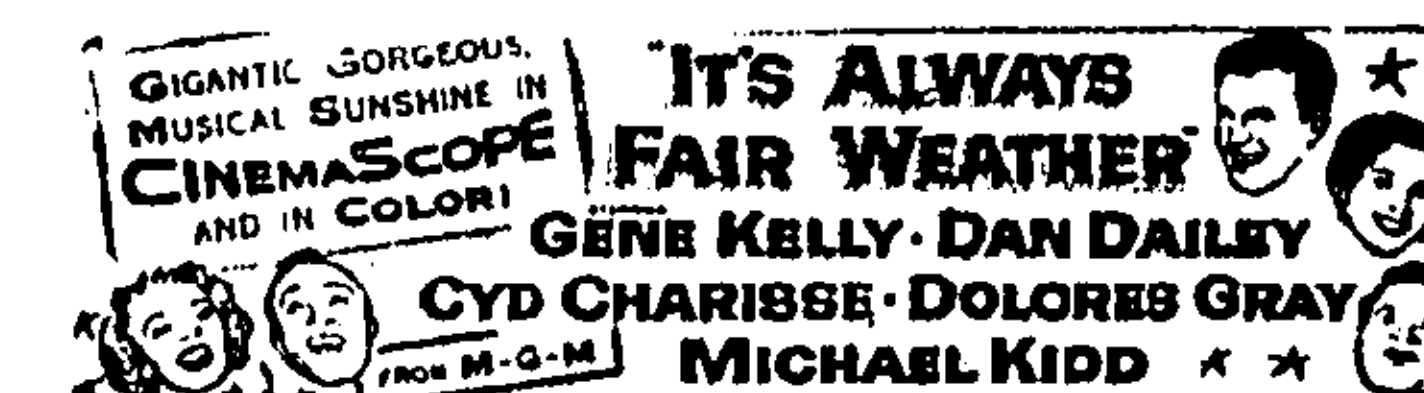


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US POLICY ATTACKED BY FILIPINOS Tobacco Import Restrictions Causes Storm

Manilla, Mar. 25.
Leaders of the Philippines Congress launched bitter attacks on United States policy over the weekend.

They came as the climax to a series of criticisms following American objections to Filipino restrictions on the imports of Virginia tobacco, and a threat of economic retaliation by Mr Harold Cooley, American Democratic Congressman from North Carolina.

LEGLESS ICE-SKATER

London, Mar. 25.
A 26-year-old former British soldier, Bill Nixon, who lost both his legs during the Korean War, has been taught to ice-skate in five weeks by a one-legged instructor.

Wholesale Arrests In Bengal

Calcutta, Mar. 25.
Nearly 3,000 persons have been arrested in the Indian state of West Bengal during the first 30 days of a civil disobedience campaign, protesting against Government proposals to merge West Bengal with neighbouring Bihar state.

In Calcutta alone 2,000 persons have been arrested during the civil disobedience campaign, which is being led by the combined left-wing parties in West Bengal.

The merger of the two states has already gained the approval of the Bihar Legislature, but the bill may have difficulty in passing the West Bengal Legislature.

The Chief Ministers of the two states are at present conferring in New Delhi with Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru on the merger proposal. It is considered possible that the proposal might be dropped because Bihar is unwilling to concede several safeguards such as a separate budget, to West Bengal after the merger. — France-Press.

Communists 'Confuse' French

Paris, Mar. 25.
France's main Catholic Popular Republican Party said today that lack of a clear-cut majority in the French Government had enabled French Communists to "confuse" public opinion.

The Party's National Committee, in a final resolution published after a working session here, said the Communist Party was maintaining confusion by going all-out to establish a popular front coalition with the Socialists.

The resolution said that French Communists were "more than ever" under the influence of the Soviet Union.

CONSTANT CONTACT
The Popular Republicans urged Premier Guy Mollet to maintain constant contact with "the public parties" to offset the Communist policy.

The resolution urged M. Mollet to use his recently authorized special contact with "the public parties" to carry out in Algeria a policy of firmness, big-scale reforms and equality. It urged the rapid conclusion of negotiations with Morocco and Tunisia on independence. — France-Press.

Last night the speaker of the Philippines House of Representatives, Mr Jose Laurel, accused the United States of reneging on its moral and legal commitments to the Philippines, a former American possession granted independence in 1946.

So-called Experts

Tonight the majority leader in the House, Mr Arturo Tolentino, alleged that the United States was responsible for "economic chaos" in the Philippines. He said the absence of balanced trade between the two countries and the introduction of American culture into the Philippines were designed to cultivate the Filipinos as potential consumers of American-produced luxuries.

Mr Tolentino attacked the presence of "so-called" American experts in Government offices. Mr Laurel, in a speech to college graduates, said the Philippines had received less economic aid from America in the past three years than many other countries including West Germany and Japan. In military aid the United States had given the Philippines "equipment that is not only inadequate but dangerously obsolete."

"It seems, indeed, that we are being treated in our territory as interlopers instead of hosts, a subject people instead of a sovereign nation," he declared.

Hostility

He said the United States was taking the Philippines for granted and urged Filipinos to "assert ourselves against impositions on our integrity."

Mr Laurel said the United States, in its commercial relations, had shown "partiality and hostility." He recalled a recent move in the United States Congress to discriminate against Philippines sugar and threats of reprisals against the Virginia tobacco restrictions. — Reuters.

Bowaters Face Mill Strike

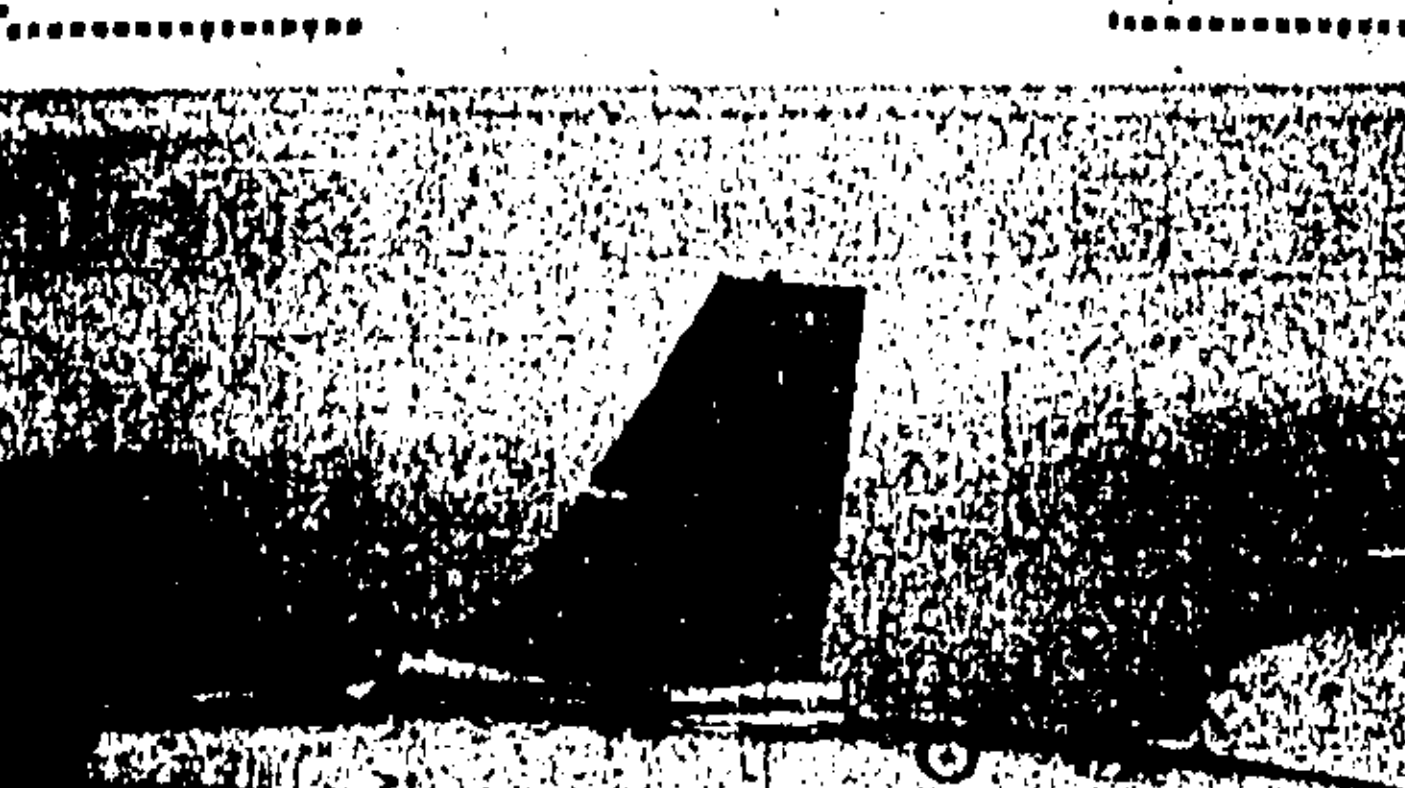
Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Mar. 25.

Pickets will be mounted at midnight tonight at the Bowater pulp and paper mill here unless a last-minute settlement is reached in a dispute over a newly-appointed production superintendent.

There was no indication that the dispute would be settled today as the mill's chief executive and his assistants are in Montreal and the assistant manager has rejected a union demand that the superintendent be dismissed. The 200-man machinists union has protested against the new superintendent's action in moving some men from night work to day maintenance as an economy move.

If the strike goes into effect, it will be the first at the mill since Bowaters took over in 1938 and will cost them \$150,000 (\$254,000 sterling) a day. About 1,500 men will be involved. — China Mail Special.

Atom Bomber Squadron



Britain's first "V" squadron, Vickers Valiant 4-jet bomber aircraft, specially designed to carry nuclear weapons has been formed. One Valiant has greater hitting power than the whole of the RAF Bomb Command when at its peak strength during World War Two. The Valiant, which costs a £1,000,000 to build is so complex that 38 miles of wire is needed to take current to 85 motors and other electrical devices. Crews no longer jump in and fly off. With 200 items to check it is an hour before takeoff. Picture shows (top): One of the new Vickers Valiant bombers peels-off during a training flight, as seen from the air. (bottom): The scene inside a special decompression chamber which simulates effects experienced at altitudes of up to a maximum of 100,000 ft. The future crew members of the new Valiant bomber are seen undergoing tests. — Express Photo.

Maintain Status Quo In The Antarctic

United Nations, Mar. 25.

India will propose to the UN that the "status quo" be maintained in the Antarctic and will also request the Big Three powers not to use the South Polar continent for any kind of atomic weapons test, the United Press was informed today.

Authoritative sources said that, contrary to general expectations, India will not call for internationalisation of the Antarctic, nor the placing of that region under a UN trust commission.

India recently requested that the question of Antarctica be included in the agenda of the next UN General Assembly. Although she did not indicate what specific proposals would be put forth, the Indian move was met with immediate resistance by nations which have interests in the Antarctic.

They feared that their interests might be compromised by the intervention of the world body.

Directly Interested

Now India has begun a behind-the-scenes campaign to clarify her position, according to informed quarters. On Friday, Mr A. S. Lall, permanent Indian delegate, conferred with Senator Rudecindo Ortega of Chile, one of the nations most directly interested in the Antarctic.

At the meeting, Mr Lall explained his Government's intentions. The Indian delegate plans to hold similar meetings with all other nations that have Antarctic interests, these sources

reported, during the coming week.

No Interference

Mr Lall has not made any public statements about his nation's plans and Senator Ortega declined to disclose the nature of his talks with the Indian representative. But from other sources the United Press reliably learned that India's position was that she:

1. Did not wish to interfere with the interests and claims of any country in Antarctica.
2. Would propose the maintenance of the "status quo" but would urge the UN to recommend to the big powers that they desist from using Antarctica as an atomic testing ground because such tests could cause climatic upsets and also disturb fishing in adjacent waters.
3. Believed that only full-fledged, well-tested recommendations by the UN would have sufficient authority to be respected by the big powers which have atomic weapons. — United Press.

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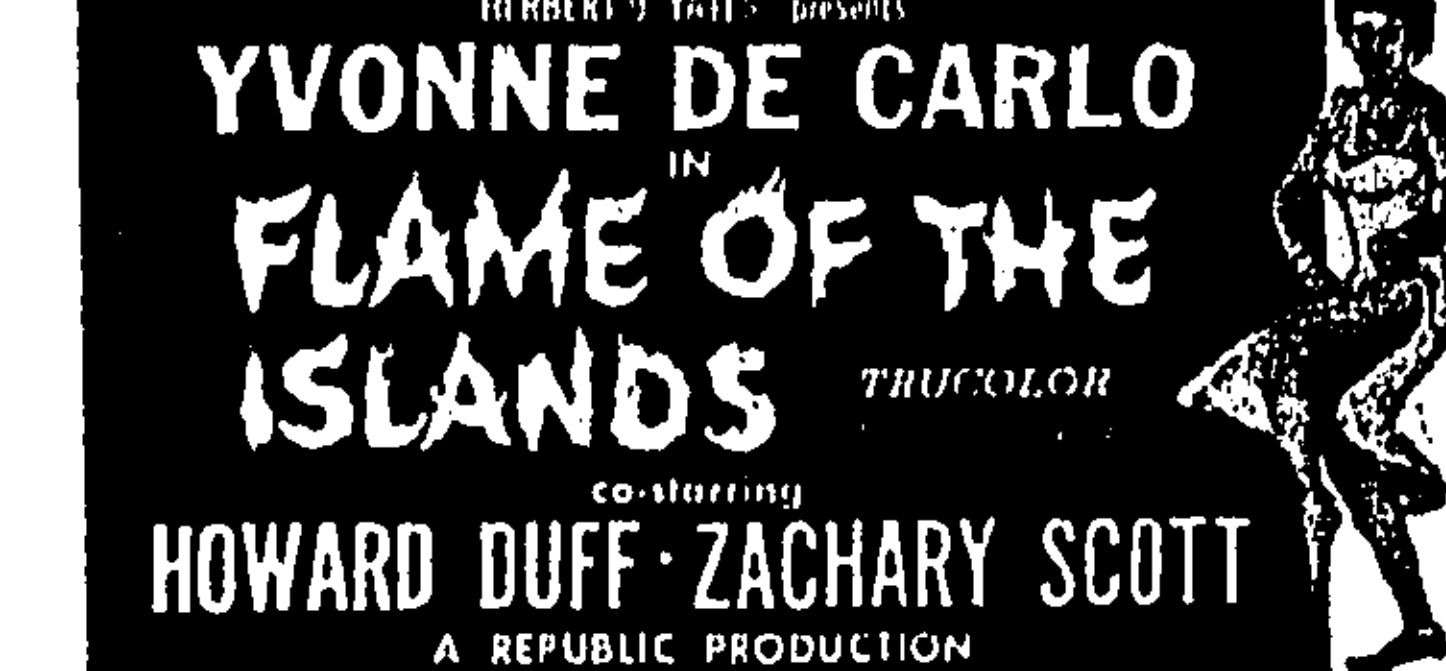


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THOMAS WISEMAN
reports from Hollywood

ERROL FLYNN, Hollywood's reprobate playboy, stepped into the spotlight at the Coconut Grove here the other night and introduced himself to Zsa Zsa Gabor by planting a series of enthusiastic kisses along her outstretched arms.

Then he turned to the microphone and shrugged

apologetically. "I've been away," he said by way of explanation.

He shot a roguish sidelong glance at Zsa Zsa and added vehemently, "but I'm back now." The customers at the nightclub, which is practically the size of the Taj Mahal and has the same kind of decor, guffawed with delight—except for Mrs. Flynn, actress Patrice Wymore who, I noticed, arched her eyebrows and refrained from smiling.

FROWNING

Mr. Flynn then said that he had been away so long he had not yet met Marilyn Monroe. Again the old roguish gleam. And then the announcement, "I'll get around to that, too." Again the guffaws.

This time Mrs. Flynn, sitting under an indoor palm tree, was noticeably frowning. After four years of exile in Europe Flynn, the uncrowned king of the boudoirs, has returned to his old hunting ground. Permanently.

When I went over to his table afterwards I discovered how much it had cost him to come back. The figure is \$600,000. This was part of the amount he owed—and had to pay in order to be able to return.

Flynn admits that he once possessed a fortune of \$11,000,000—and spent it all. "I had a well mispent youth," he says. Today he cannot even afford to buy a car. He has to rent one and live modestly at a hotel called the Garden of Allah.

A FORTUNE

I said, "I can see it's pretty expensive to get married in

"Who on earth could you owe that much money to?" I asked him. He shrugged and said, "My wives, bless 'em. It's all gone to them in back alimony, child support, taxes and taxes on the alimony. My dear chap, you have no idea how expensive ex-wives are. They have wrung me dry."

"I'm broke. But at least I'm in the clear now. I've settled with them. At least I can see the light of day. I still have other debts—but in two years I will have paid off another \$300,000 and then I'll be all right."

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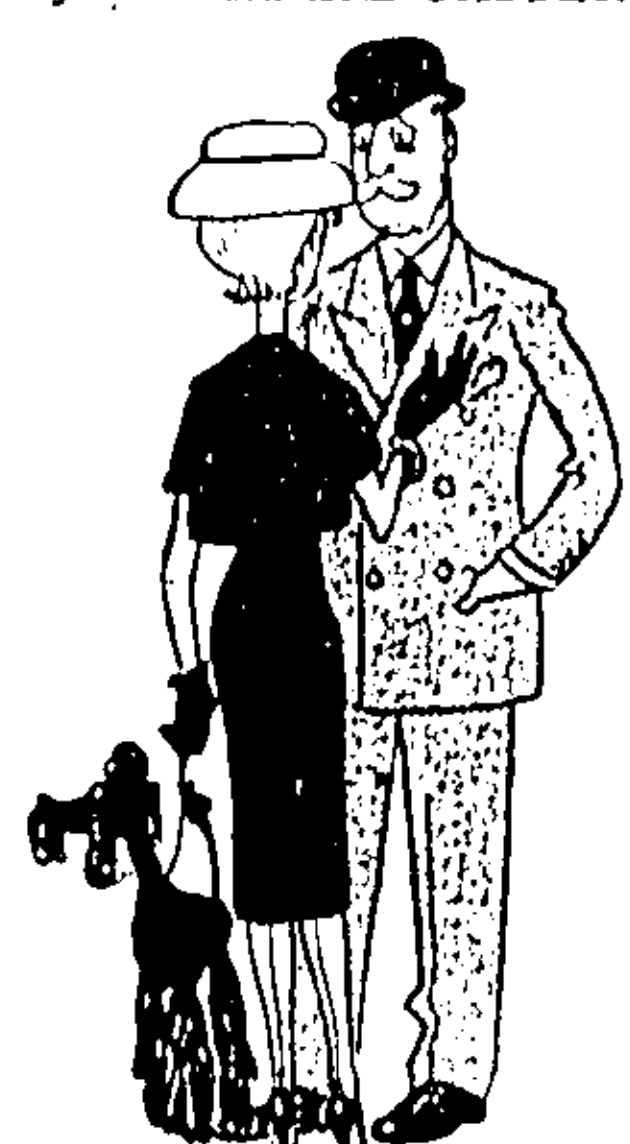
Hollywood." He said, "Depends on who you marry and what sort of lawyers they've got." And was it worth \$600,000? "Every cent. Considering the high cost of living these days." I asked Flynn whether he had changed—or was he still the same playboy? "Let us say that the playboy tendencies are latent—and that I have become more discreet," he replied. "I have a very tolerant wife who finds my pranks amusing. Also she is very short-tempered and cannot see a thing when she takes her glasses off. Mind you, there are certain barriers I don't overstep now. But don't say I'm reformed. That makes me sound so dull."

I promised I wouldn't say he had reformed.

"Just a little tamed," he said as the tolerant Mrs. Flynn arched her eyebrows again.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"It's all very well the P.M. saying we'll stand by our friends in the Middle East, but what on earth makes him think we've still got any friends in the Middle East?"



"Maybe, next time, I'll bring a stout stick—or even a gun."

CAIRO GETS WAR FEVER

By Tom Pocock

CAIRO. It still looks like the picture postcards. High-sailed barges still glide, swan-like, down the palm-fringed Nile.

Noisy, dirty crowds throng eternally through the ancient, narrow streets beneath Saladin's great sand-coloured citadel. Caravans of camels, American and German tourists solemnly circumnavigate the Sphinx and Pyramids.

Rich merchants' wives still gorge cream buns in Groppe's canteen.

But today Cairo is the unchallenged capital of the Arab world and the seat of comparative internal security. Armed police are everywhere and the ferocious Cairo mob is no more.

SKYSCRAPERS

ALTHOUGH Egypt is not now rich, Cairo seems bursting with prosperity. Multi-coloured American cars are everywhere and new villas and skyscrapers are growing along both the Nile banks.

Near the British Embassy the new, futuristic Sheppard's Hotel is being completed, and beside it American millionaire Conrad Hilton is erecting his monster Hollywoodesque Nile Hilton Hotel.

Ambitious social and agricultural reforms, health campaigns, new roads, and power systems are planned, and there seems every chance of the Government's promises being eventually fulfilled with Western and Eastern aid. Premier Nasser's deft diplomatic juggling is still profitable, and both the West and Iron Curtain countries are busily outbidding one another here for his favours.

BLACKMAIL

THE Communists are taking the fullest advantage of the situation. Although open Communism is suppressed in Egypt, there are large numbers of fellow travellers and cultural missions. A recent Russian art exhibition of poor, calendar-style pictures was lavishly praised here, and a Chinese ballet is receiving an enthusiastic welcome.

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But underground Communist agents are both assisting Egyptian supporters of French North Africa rebels and preparing for the day when Nasser's Government may no longer be a necessary ally.

Cunningly the Russians have put Egypt into a perfect position for high-level blackmail. For months past Iron Curtain countries have been buying enormous stocks of surplus cotton here, so boosting Egypt's top export industry.

Do they really want this cotton? Possibly not for making shirts and sheets. If this cotton is stored, Russia can suddenly threaten to release the entire hoarded stocks on the world market, so tumbling prices and probably ruining the Egyptian economy.

AFAR.....

BUT few Egyptians are worried about this yet. The dominant mood is "anti-imperialist," and although Egyptians generally are not hostile towards individual Britons, their newspapers continually print cartoons showing John Bull as a grotesque and grasping landlord, and inflammatory anti-British broadcasts are transmitted far beyond the Middle East borders.

Ghaleb Pasha is presented here as an imperialist demon king.

Although the Russian menace on the horizon is not appreciated here, Cairo is full of war talk.

In embassies, smart hostesses' salons, clubs, and restaurants, many are saying that the Israelis will attack within six months—before the Arab Legion and other Arab armies have time to organise. But when you see the gaudy swirl of the Gaza front with its foxholes, forays, and fear, might be on this moon instead of the other side of the Suez Canal.

Peking Tries To Infiltrate Islam

By SAYED EL HASHIMI

ISLAM and China, as most Moslems know, have been in close contact since early times. One of the best known of the Prophet's injunctions is: "Travel as far as China in search of knowledge." Inventions as diverse as paper and gunpowder were brought westward by the early Moslems, who established for themselves a permanent place in Chinese history.

Islam came to China through the Prophet's maternal uncle, who brought three disciples with him, and obtained valuable concessions from the Chinese Emperor. The arrival of the Moslems was thought to fulfil a prophecy that turbaned men bringing a Heavenly Book would appear from the West, and that Islam would remain in China for all time.

For nearly 1,400 years the Moslem communities in China have formed an extremely important part of the population, and have distinguished themselves in the arts of peace and war alike. Though cut off by geographical conditions from their co-religionists elsewhere, they have always been noted for their piety and high-mindedness.

Fine Record

DURING the struggle against Japan, Chinese Moslems especially distinguished themselves. In the long years of struggle against Communism, both before and after the Second World War, their record has been superb. For this reason the present Communist rulers of China are particularly apprehensive of the danger to their internal security represented by several million tough fighting men in Kansu and Yunnan provinces.

In addition to people of purely Chinese stock, the Moslems of China include large numbers of Kirghiz, Tatar, Tajik, Salar, Uzbek, Kazakh and other Turkic peoples. The official Chinese figure for the total number of Moslems in China is 10,000,000, according to the New China News Agency of November 20, 1955, but non-Communist estimates published between 1944 and 1955 vary between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000.

While virtually no important Moslem has gone over to the Communist cause in China, the present Peking Government is doing all it can to recruit Moslem leaders to the communist way of life.

A Chinese "Islamic Association" has been formed, the purpose of which is to bring Islam under the eventual control of Peking. As soon as Mao Tse-tung's armies finally obtained victory in mainland China, the Islamic areas obtained the regional autonomy they had been promised. This on paper at

least — was granted. The position now is that in Moslem areas of China the Moslems are trying to organise their own affairs without too much interference from Peking, while Peking is trying to coerce Islam into its own orbit.

Intractable

THAT Islam is a great potential source of opposition to Communism in China is evident from the warlike and intractable history of the Moslems themselves there, and from the fact that so far Peking has avoided the use of repressive measures against Islam. This contrasts strongly with the treatment accorded other religious communities in China, notably the Christians.

At the Bandung Conference last year, when China made a desperate attempt to curry favour with the Moslem states, the April 19 declaration of the Chinese delegation contained these words: "We Communists are atheists, but we respect these with religious belief.... There are in China not only seven million Moslems but also tens of millions of Moslems and Buddhists...." China has now turned to infiltration tactics in the attempt

to weaken Islam. This year the Communists have produced a propaganda publication "Chinese Moslems" which states that the Peking Government is paying large sums towards the upkeep of the mosques and Islamic education.

Chinese attempts to secure the co-operation of Islam go back to the 1930s, when the Communists proclaimed that all races in China should be free to form their own states, and even to secede from China if they so wished. In reply, the multi-racial Moslem community stated that it was not interested in states based upon racial ideas. When, in 1953, the leaders of the so-called autonomous Moslem regions pressed for recognition of their freedom as separate states, this approach was denounced by Peking as "a Western-inspired device to create a Chinese Pakistan."

Vital Buffer

UNABLE to overcome the Moslems by force, Peking has turned to the "Islamic Association" which was to be responsible for all Moslem affairs in the country. Burhan, a well-known Moslem leader from Sinkiang, has been put in nominal charge of this organisation.

AMERICANS ACT TO CUT DOWN ROAD DEATHS

From HENRY LOWRIE

Washington. CATCH 'em young! That's what America is doing to cut down its shocking road death toll of almost 40,000 a year.

It is catching youngsters before they leave school by teaching them "sportsman-like driving."

This is a comprehensive course spread over 32 hours of classroom lectures (using safety films and electronic gadgets to improve reflexes) and nine hours of driving dual-control cars.

So far, the course is compulsory in only a few states, but it is available and overcrowded in almost 8,000 high schools for youths from 14 to 19, just before they become eligible to take their chances on the nation's highways. About half a million students are trained every year at a cost of roughly \$30 each.

less than half as many accidents as drivers without school training. Earl Alligier, of the Driver Education Department of the American Automobile Association, estimates that the scheme has saved over 2,000 lives and injuries to more than 80,000, by preventing accidents which would have cost over \$200,000,000.

Even the hard-to-convince insurance companies have been persuaded. They have cut premiums for school-trained drivers.

A survey showed that in Washington, for instance, a group of 200 drivers who completed the school course had one accident and eight arrests, while a similar number of untrained drivers had 11 accidents and 42 arrests.

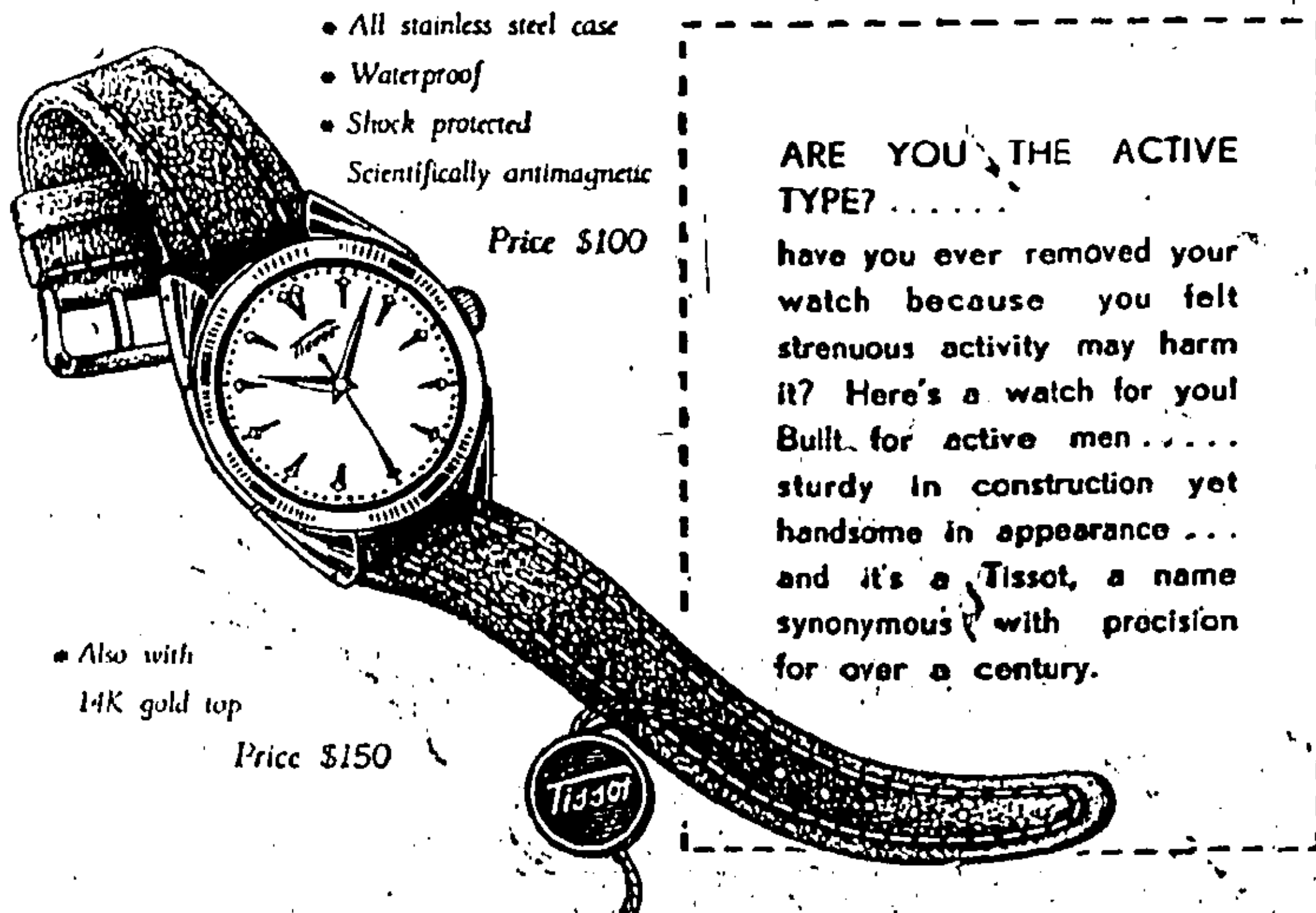
In Arizona, the number of high school students involved in fatal accidents dropped in one year from 23 to two after the school training system was adopted.

accidents. Though many more people are killed now because of the tremendous increase in the number of cars, the death rate per hundred million miles has been more than halved. The scheme is partially subsidised by the states, in some cases by adding an extra \$2 to the cost of a driving permit. Other states are trying to have a percentage of fines imposed on drivers earmarked for the schools.

Giving full support are insurance companies, car makers (who often supply the cars), safety organisations, and the American Automobile Association.

It was started 19 years ago in Delaware with only a handful of students, but gradually, as the reduced accident figures in that state became more impressive, other states joined in. And now it is even being extended to include parents. For a small fee instead of paying \$5 an hour for routine driving lessons from a private instructor, they can take the complete school course.

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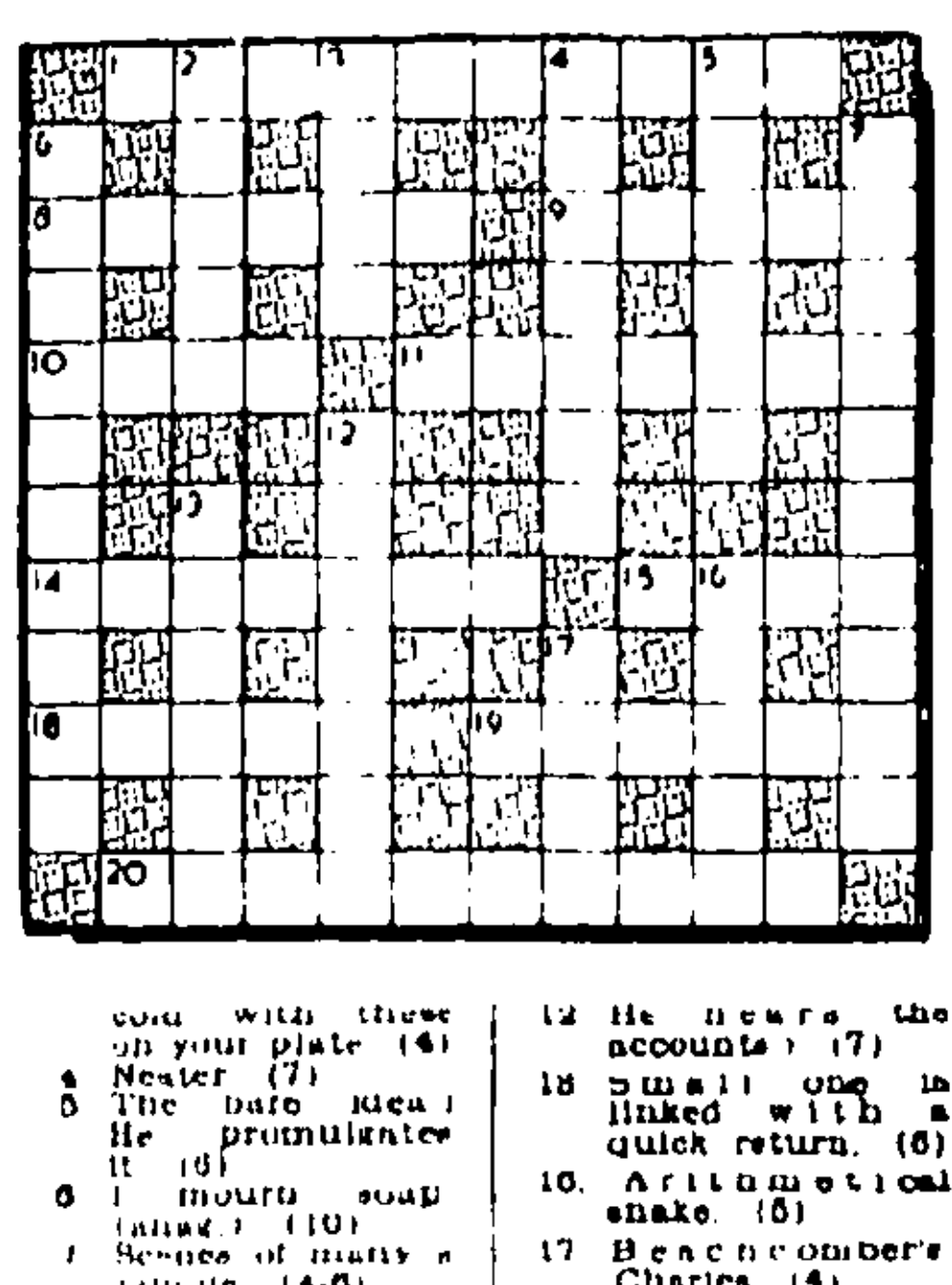
This Funny World



Oh, I didn't want it to eat, Mom. I just wanted it so I could send for the magic code ring.

CROSSWORD

Across
1. All-powerful (10)
2. Little piggy went there (6)
3. Rubber for erasing (6)
4. Three of court run the bar (4)
5. The cause is in bed (7)
6. Room-rod (anagram) (7)
7. This with the line makes a sign (4)
8. You can make it fun (6)
9. The milk with it is treated chemically (6)
10. They expect you billing (4-6)
Down
1. He who brings (6)
2. Your taste will be (6)
3. A small one in a (6)
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• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

WHILE the Egg Commissioners watched in fascinated silence, operative Maximilian Pott, of the Nampound Clearing Station, snatched a 12-day-old egg with "Tritubutemeth, I hope."

He then tied a piece of tarry twine round its middle and prodded it with something which looked like a lamp-wick. "What is all this for?" asked Cocklecarrot. "It is a test for shell-resistance," said Pott. "It is done on eight consecutive days." "Meanwhile the egg grows older," said Cocklecarrot. "Only relatively," said Pott. Inspector Fruit then intervened to explain that if the twine were not tarry, it would slip. This operation, he said, preceded the shelving, in which a determinant was used to re-cast a plaster moulding of the egg which was then photographed for the records. Before the egg itself was sent on to the tufflers, who sprayed it with a preservative chemical. Thus no member of the public could get an egg which had not been thoroughly treated, overhauled, and prepared. Cocklecarrot blinked, but his finger and called Mrs. Favour, of the Royston Sorting Depot.

In passing

A PSYCHIATRIST has said that when the wrong answer is given to a question the cause may be absent-mindedness, the thoughts of the question being on another matter. Ah, how true! How perceptive! The best instance of this in my case-book is that of the barrister who said to a Q.C.: "How's the case getting on?" "Only three bottles left," replied the Q.C. Equally

Dalliance in the council-chamber

A WOMEN councillor of, as I prefer to call her, an ace-glamourcouncilorette, has said that in her official capacity she prides herself on being treated like a man. "We colleague ever shy a note to her, while the council is sitting. 'Meet me outside the gaworks when this rot is over.' Does she never long to waggle her eyelashes instead of talking balderdash about the estimates for a new sewage system? Why would she do it if the mayor, himself called her a dainty rogue in porcelain, and planned a smack-kiss on the hand that holds the Report on Local Excavations?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 26

BORN today, you have a keen sense of observation and a remarkable memory. Both these two characteristics can be made to pay high dividends, if you make full use of them. You have the gift of the written word and will probably be able to write clearly and with interest on complicated subjects, making them appear to be much less complicated than they really are. You learn to concentrate on one objective at a time. Reach it, then go on to another. If you attempt to do too many things at one and the same time, you will end up by diffusing your energies so widely that you actually get nowhere very fast.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): If you are co-operative with others, you will find that mutual benefits abound as a result.
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): You may be tempted to be extravagant, but you will be wiser if you remain conservative in all things.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Be prepared to utilize your past experience in a moment of crisis and you can circumvent trouble.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): You will find that routine is best for you. Partnership affairs, especially romance, are uneven.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): Wisdom in making your choice between two possible alternatives will influence your future.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Think a new proposition over carefully before making up your mind. Weigh all possibilities first.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Pessimism Wins On Suit Breaks

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY's hand illustrates a point that we have often discussed in this column. When you can afford it, be pessimistic about the way your suits are going to break.

When today's hand was played, West opened the king of diamonds and continued with a diamond to East's ace. East returned the jack of hearts, and declarer won with the ace.

An optimistic declarer would now lay down the three top trumps, after which the hand would go up in smoke. South would have to try to run his clubs, but East would ruff the

NORTH		EAST	
752	943	1064	943
AKQ106	AKQ106	AKQ106	AKQ106
93	93	93	93
AKQ73	AKQ73	AKQ73	AKQ73
94	94	94	94
South-South vul.		North-North vul.	
1 Pass	2 Pass	1 Pass	2 Pass
2 Pass	3 Pass	2 Pass	3 Pass
3 Pass	4 Pass	3 Pass	4 Pass
Opening lead—K		Opening lead—K	

third club and go back to diamonds. South would ruff with his last trump and would succeed in making only eight tricks.

South makes his contract by assuming that the trumps will break 4-2 rather than 3-3. In this case, a trump trick must be lost. The important thing is that South must lose this trump trick while he still has control of the diamonds.

Upon winning the ace of hearts, South should immediately lead his low trump. Dummy's remaining trumps still control the diamonds, and South can regain the lead to draw the rest of the trumps. Then he can run the clubs safely, fulfilling his contract.

♥ CARD SENSE ♥

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 NT Pass
2 South, hold:
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WHEN VICTORY SLIPPED AWAY



Relay racing involves quite a lot of sheer art and this picture shows how South China's fastest ever team came a cropper on the fourth exchange. In the centre of the picture on the left, Ho May-ye, the Colony Sprint Champion, is running on the wrong side of Lam Kak-han. She had started too slowly to take over from a fast finish and let the third leg get ahead of her. By the time the baton changed hands both had run out of the exchange area.

Pui Kiu School on the left had not a single runner who could have beaten South China's fourth best in a flat race. They won simply on neat passing. On the right Julia Tingay takes over from Georgina Tebbutt. — China Mail Photo.

RAF 2, KWONG WAH 1

Kwong Wah A Shade Unlucky To Finish On The Losing End

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Kwong Wah were a shade unlucky to finish on the losing end in their return match with the Royal Air Force at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon.

They had the misfortune of having a goal disallowed in the first half when they were one down. It was a very close off-side decision that weighed against them. There was no appeal from the Airman but I was in direct line with the incident and there was not the shadow of a doubt that the decision was a correct one.

The winners had several important changes in their line-up. Dale who took over the right-half position to allow Johnstone to move forward to the inside left berth had a very good game and it was his intelligent pass into the middle that brought the winning goal although Bennett, the actual scorer, was a most surprised young man to see his overcoat hook shot drop under the cross bar above the goalkeeper's out-stretched fingers.

The standard of play was never very high and mistakes and misplaced passes were all too frequent. Kwong Wah were faster to the ball but the big strong RAF side was usually calling the tune when in possession.

Play was lively from the start and both sides cleared with characteristic confidence when the Chinese winners sent high crosses into the goalmouth but he had to look very lively to turn a fast shot by Kwong Cheung-cheung round the post.

PENALTY GOAL

In the 18th minute the Airman took the lead when McLennan converted a penalty kick. The score was just against the run of play but the award was a correct one.

Immediately afterwards Kwong Wah had a period of superiority and apart from having a goal chalked off to see a fine scoring effort rebound off the post with Toth beaten.

Chen Ming-chih was a great disappointment in the Chinese front rank and he was unable to get the better of Burns whether the ball was in the air or on the ground.

Kwong Wah equalised in the 32nd minute when Lo Shu-fuk outwitted Toth by changing direction and shooting with his right foot when it looked more natural to use his left.

The interval arrived with the score sheet showing one-all. Play deteriorated during the second half and both sides missed several scoring chances.

The Airman took the lead in rather fortunate fashion when Dale curled the ball forward and lofted it into the middle. To Kiam-hung appeared to have plenty of time to clear but Bennett, with his back to the goal, hooked the ball high over his head and had the unexpected satisfaction of seeing it drop over Chen Chi-ling's hands and into the net.

A GREAT CHANCE Kwong Wah had a great chance to equalise when they were awarded a penalty kick after Chen Ming-chih was bundled off the ball by an RAF defender. Toth stuck out a foot and diverted the spot kick wide of the goal.

In the RAF side Toth, Burns, Dale and McLennan took the top honours. Johnstone — normally a fine half-back — was slow and cumbersome at inside left but neither Bennett nor

Leonard played as well as they have during the season. Chan Chi-hing, Sit Kam-hung, Tse Kam-hung, Fu Naitong and Lo Sau-fuk were the Kwong Wah men who mattered most.

VERDICT Kwong Wah had their chances but threw them away by delaying the forward pass. They were caught off-side time after time. Over the piece the RAF just deserved the two points.

SATURDAY'S MATCH

EASTERN 2, KITCHEE 1

Midway through the second half of this game which was played at the Hongkong Stadium on Saturday the crowd was preparing to acclaim the upset of the season. Kitchee, the underdogs, had taken the lead and subject panic was showing in the Eastern ranks.

The pendulum had swung first one way and then the other during the match and Kitchee, having enjoyed a real break when Referee Dawson accepted an explanation from Linesman Jones and disallowed a goal scored out of a tremendous scrimmage by Chu Wing-keung had snatched the lead in a fast breakaway.

In any final a goal is worth its weight in gold... but as far as Kitchee were concerned it was not to be enough.

Immediately after the goal was scored by Lam Shueung-yeo Eastern regrouped their forces. Chan Kar-sau was withdrawn to the right back position and veteran Lee Ping-chui moved up front. It was a dangerous and at the same time a daring move but, probably on the strength of the old saying that fortune favours the brave, it came off in a strange way.

Eastern pressed into the attack and a long slanting shot appeared to be going well wide of the Kitchee goal when Cheung Koon-hing threw himself at it and sent it for a corner... a corner that was to provide the turning point of the game.

VITAL SECONDS Fortune certainly stepped in to favour Eastern but it was surely Fortune's daughter who played havoc with Cheung Koon-hing's judgment in the vital seconds that followed.

Lee Ping-chui ran to the left-wing to take the corner kick only because Hau Ching-to was injured. The big right back sent over a high curling right foot kick. It dropped slowly near the far post. The Kitchee goalkeeper seemed transfixed and uncertain what to do, and all too late he realised that the ball was swinging into the net.

His desperate last second leap was a most heart-breaking effort but although Lee Yee and Ng Koo-cheung made gallant efforts to retrieve the situation the ball evaded them all and landed in the net.

Concentrations and recommitments followed. Cheung Koon-hing

to Lau Yee, to Ng Koo-cheung, and finally to his own position on the goal-line... only the last bit of pointing was really necessary for truth to tell, the goalkeeper was caught badly out of position and sadly lacking in judgment on this occasion.

The goal was as much a tonic to Eastern as it was a tragedy to Kitchee and it really marked the beginning of the end as far as the final destination of the Shield was concerned.

The winning goal was scored by Chu Wing-keung when he moved very quickly into good position to collect a long pass from Chow Man-eh. As the defence raced into covering position Chu changed direction, left Ng Koo-cheung sprawling for a second place saw the clock at 4:10.8 and 4:14.2 respectively, fast times for local standards and good enough to place them

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COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

BURCH & BOORMAN UNDER 2 MINUTES; BAILEY SPRINGS A SURPRISE

By "RECORDER"

The Hongkong Government Stadium track at Sookunpoo proved to be the Colony's best cinder track as five Colony records fell on the second day of the HKAAA Annual Championships yesterday despite unfavourable weather conditions. It was too hot and humid, but even Bob Pape surprised in the conditions with a new record in the 5,000 Metres.

High point of the day's athletics was undoubtedly the 800 Metres final in which, as had been hoped and expected, but with not too much certainty, both Keith Burch and Peter Boorman went under two minutes. Burch was timed in 1 minute 57.9 seconds and Boorman in 1 minute 59.0 seconds.

But the biggest surprise in six years of HKAAA Championships was the 51-second metric Quarter turned in by Cpl. J. Bailey of the North Staffordshire Regiment. Bailey was not 'unknown.' He had taken second place in the Colony Novices' Championships in a moderate 55.0 seconds after having run a heat in under 55, he had done well in the Major Units Championship relays, he had run heat in the Colony Championship 400 in 53.2 seconds.

He was expected to give Peter Boorman quite a run in the 400 Metres and was conceded a fifty-fifty chance of beating him. His chances of beating Michael Sweeney's Colony record of 51.4 seconds, however, were not considered at all. Some were of the opinion that Sweeney's 51.4 at Caroline Hill last year would never be beaten in the track and climatic conditions we are accustomed to in Hongkong.

GREAT PERFORMANCES

Bailey pulled the opposition out to great performances by our local standards. Boorman was second on 52.3, Cpl. T. Brown of the Essex Third in 52.6 and veteran Leung Kam-po, second behind Sweeney last year in a mediocre 54.4, felt like a Champion all over again when told that his fourth place time was 53.2 seconds.

The 800 Metres was also a terrific race with, for the first time in the Colony's history, five men under the 'impossible' Colony Standard Medal time of 2 minutes 4 seconds.

The surprise here came again from the North Staffs with Pte. S. E. Peat third in a great 2:01.3. Keith Martin faded towards the end, but still clocked 2:02.6. Peter Randley had a little left and clocked 2:03.3. In the 1,500 Metres final, Keith Burch was spliced at the start and still managed the new Colony record figures of 4:10.2 with a ripped open shoe and much blood-letting.

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NOT UNCHALLENGED

Bob Pape was not unchallenged for once as Alan Smith, who may consider himself the runner's own Runner of the Year, Messrs. Burch, Boorman and Alderton wonder how he can still do it after playing in a band until the early hours of Saturday morning — was in one of his unlazy moods and kept the pace up.

This struggle left Bruce Tulloh well behind. Tulloh, the defending Champion and conqueror of Alan Smith on many occasions, was recently in Japan for some weeks and the change of climate told on him.

Tulloh had a job of it holding on to third place as J. Highton of the King's Own put on quite a challenge in the last two laps. The 5,000 Metres was certainly run in just about the worst part of the day for a race of this distance on an April day in Hongkong when the sun was really wicked and Bob Pape may consider his new Colony record of 15:37.6 as one of his very best efforts in Hongkong.

One of the day's greatest races was the Ladies' 200 Metres. Julia Tingay was expected to just be about ready to nip a Ho May-ye who was not as fast as she used to be, but she conceivably expected either, or both — as they did — to clock 28.3 seconds, a personal record for both.

PERSISTENCE WINS

Leung Kam-ching is no newcomer to Hongkong athletics. For several years now he has run third, fourth and fifth in innumerable 400 Metres and 440 Yards Low Hurdles races. He was generally conceded to be quite good, but not quite in the same class as Capt. R. P. F. L. Charles, Tony Collico, Roy Bell, Ho Hui-poi and many another low barrier artists.

In fact, Leung Kam-ching can recall having seen every low hurdle of note in Hongkong's history breasting the tape three or four yards ahead of him.

But yesterday Leung Kam-ching achieved something that all the others had failed to do. He beat Capt. D. J. McNabb's five-year-old Colony record. It may have been by a margin of only one-fifth of a second, and this Colony record still remains one of the poorest by international standards, but it was still a great achievement in a great race.

It was a great race all the way against former half-mile Lee Shu-chung and Samuel Lo and at one stage it seemed that University's Chen Leong-chye, in his first ever attempt in this event, was going to run away with an unexpected victory.

But Leong-chye, coming into the race just after the High Jump, came a cropper over the fourth hurdle, got up again to make up a lot of lost ground, but it was too late. What he did prove was that he certainly has quite a bright future in this event.

Upsets were the order of the day. Victor Lai, who only a fortnight ago had cleared 5 feet 10 inches in the High Jump, passed up 5.5 and failed three times at 5.8. He later recovered his equilibrium sufficiently to give Chang Yeh-hung a terrific race in the High Hurdles, both being clocked in 10.8 seconds.

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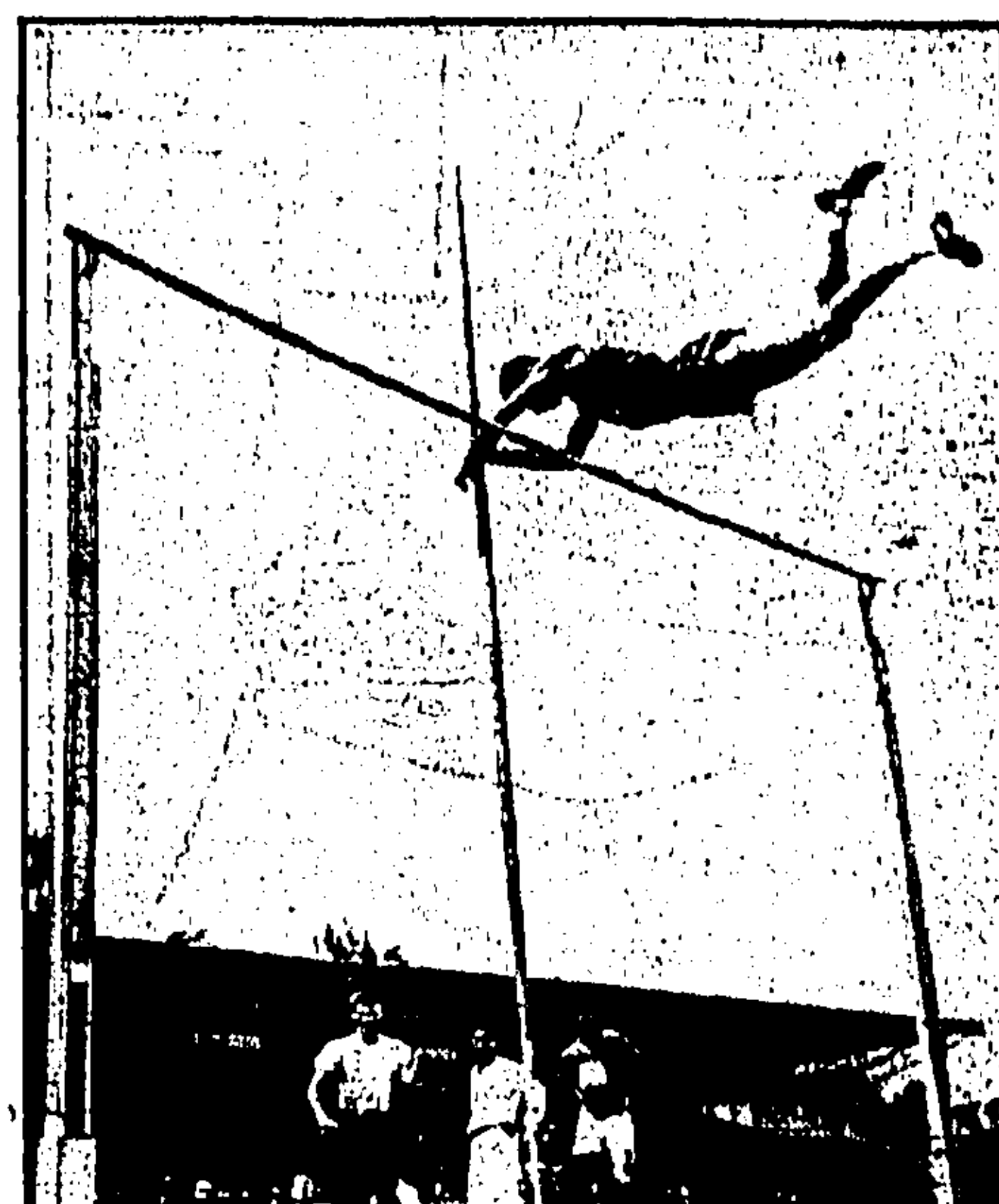
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10. O. Williams (N. Staffs) 12.5 sec.

AIRBORNE AGAIN



Cfn. Jackson of REME had a nasty spill in the Pole Vault qualifying round at Caroline Hill eight days ago when the pole broke under him. Still much shaken up and nursing a headache, he came back yesterday to win the Pole Vault at 10 feet 4 inches.

To prove that he was quite an all-rounder in the levitation business, he also took the High Jump title from one of the best fields in this event ever assembled in Hongkong, all of them, including Jackson, very much off form. — China Mail Photo.

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THE GAMBOLS



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Lawn Tennis

Lew Hoad Wins International Singles Title

Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 25. Lew Hoad, the Australian Davis Cup ace won the Men's Singles title in the Alexandria International Lawn Tennis Championships which ended today.

In the final he beat Fred Kovalevich, of the United States, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7.

The Women's Singles title was won on Saturday by Briton's Miss Angela Mortimer who beat Miss Aithes Gibson, of the United States, 6-3, 6-4. — Reuter.

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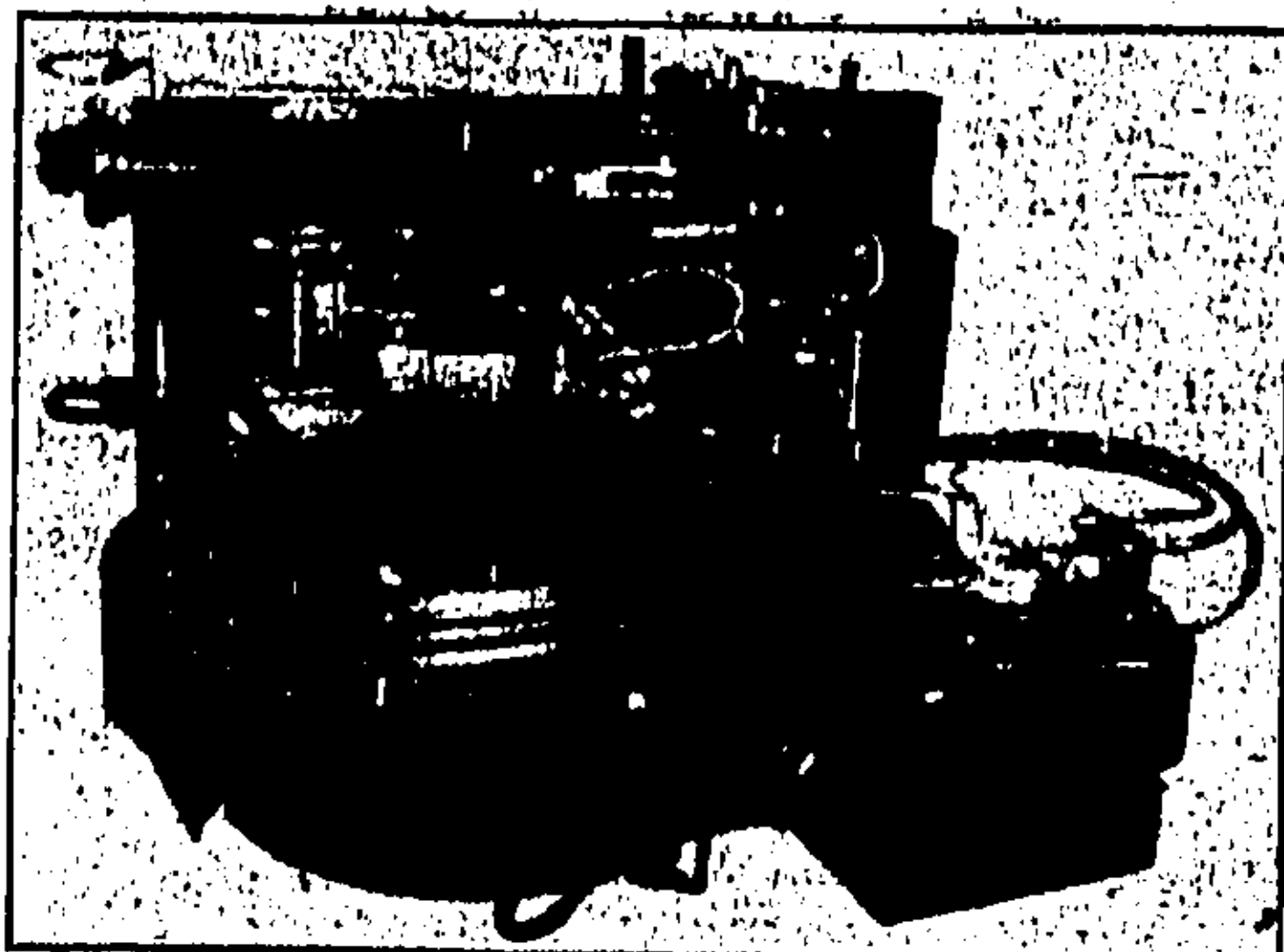
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Front view of this portable electric ignitor in retracted position shows that every part is accessible for inspection and maintenance. The ignitor is made by Fuel Firing Ltd., of Woodley, Reading, Berkshire, England.

SOLDERING ALUMINIUM

While handling a contract for Britain's Ministry of Supply a manufacturer met with certain problems in the soldering of aluminium. The result has been the development of a light and easily manipulated tool for soldering aluminium without flux.

Developed by Tiltman Langley, Ltd, Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey, England, the tool, which is very light in weight, is used in conjunction with an electric hot plate for raising the work to the soldering temperature of about 250 degrees Centigrade.

The firm states that this temperature does not affect

the mechanical properties of cold worked aluminium nor those of the heat treated high density aluminium alloys.

At the tip of the tool is a guarded refractory brush which is lightly applied to the surface being tinned to remove the oxide film.

After tinning, the surfaces to be joined are placed together and a fillet of solder produced by sweeping through the molten solder with the refractory brush.

It is claimed that a sheer strength of two and a half tons per square inch is obtained with joints soldered by this method. The firm also produces a new corrosion resisting solder for use with the tool.

STEAM
SAFETY
VALVES

Britain's Central Electricity Authority has recently been testing at one of its power stations steam safety valves manufactured by the Crosby Valve and Engineering Company, Ltd., of Ealing Road, Wembley, Middlesex, England.

The discharge is regarded as the product of the nozzle area, lifting pressure, and a coefficient, the values of the coefficient have been set by Lloyd's Register of Shipping at 30, the maximum allowed for marine boiler installations, and by the Associated Offices Technical Committee at 38 for boilers fitted with the minimum of two-drum safety valves and one superheater safety valve and at a coefficient of 42 where a greater number of valves are fitted.

Flat Seats

This range of valves has nozzle areas up to 15 square inches, both nozzle and disc have flat seats, simplifying re-surfacing.

The nozzle is extended below the joint flange facing the boiler, so that only the stainless steel nozzle and seat are under pressure when the valve is closed; the nozzle fits loosely into the body to prevent asymmetric distortion of the body affecting it.

Both nozzle and seat guide have threaded adjusting rings, which can be set to bring the closing pressure near that of the opening with positive operation in both directions.

British Mooring
Buoy For
World ShippingBy PHYLLIS DAVIES
English Industrial Journalist

AFTER extensive proving tests in such a typhoon-beset ports as Hongkong, a drive is to be made to promote a world-wide market for a patent British mooring buoy for shipping. It is claimed to have features which reduce necessary risks for both ships and men during mooring and to make the operation more rapid and efficient.

Main features of the basic design are the "mooring eye" and the elimination of the chain pendant chafe and wear in a way which contributes to long life and keeps the degree of inclination of the buoy, even under heavy mooring loads, to a minimum.

Instant connection is ensured by the "mooring eye" always being at "open" and lining up immediately with the direction of the mooring pull.

Where mooring must necessarily be by ship's main cable, a special shackle eye helps to reduce drifting considerably.

The designers are Lamberi Garland Mooring Ltd., of Kilmarnock, Glasgow, Scotland. The principal agents are William McNeill and Company, Ltd., engineers and exporters, of Glasgow, who have exported or built overseas 115 of the buoys.

62 Installed

To date, 62 have been installed at Hongkong, where all port buoys are being systematically replaced, the programme calling for 49 ocean moorings and around 60 minor craft moorings.

Tests there have been of particular value because of the port's liability to severe typhoons, during which vessels ride them out at Government moorings.

These buoys are also installed at Port Swettenham, Klang, Kuala Lumpur, and Mauritius and East Africa. At present, manufacture is carried out in Britain and Hongkong.

Worm-Driven
Winch

Stated to be of particular interest to contractors, constructional and civil engineers, a new type winch has been produced by Darlington Engineering Company (Gateshead) Ltd., Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England.

The winch is operated by a single lever which moves the clutch and the brake and free-spools, and it is especially sensitive for lifting loads to specific heights.

It is worm-driven and all bearings are totally enclosed. The standard drum has a capacity of up to 450 feet by 1½-inch rope, or, if required, a larger drum could be fitted. The unit can be driven by oil or electric motor, mounted on a sub-frame.

Pressure
Butt Welding
Process

A NEW pressure butt welding process is being made available to industry.

Initially developed to overcome production "bottle-necks" in quality pipe welding, it employs the novel principle of allowing the plasticity of steel being welded to control its own welding cycle.

Known as the Burton process, it is covered by patent held by the Burton Process Development Corporation, and all inquiries regarding licences should be addressed to Exploitation Officer of the Corporation at 1, Tilney Street, London, W.1.

The development of a workshop automatic butt welding machine from the commercial aspect is by Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company Ltd., Trafford Park, Manchester, 17, England, under contract to the British Admiralty.

Development work on the new process began in 1947 at the Admiralty Dockyard at Rosyth, Scotland, and later at the Central Metallurgical Laboratory at Ensworth, Hampshire, England, and the Admiralty Dockyard at Portsmouth.

The Burton process consists, essentially, of bringing the faces to be joined together under a minor load and heating by means of a multi-jet, oxy-acetylene oscillating ring burner until a pre-set thermal expansion is reached.

A second higher or control load is then applied to return the pipe to its original length, when the final butting pressure operates to complete the weld.

All sequences are controlled automatically by limit switches which are also arranged to control upset and to cut off the gas supply just before the completion of the weld.

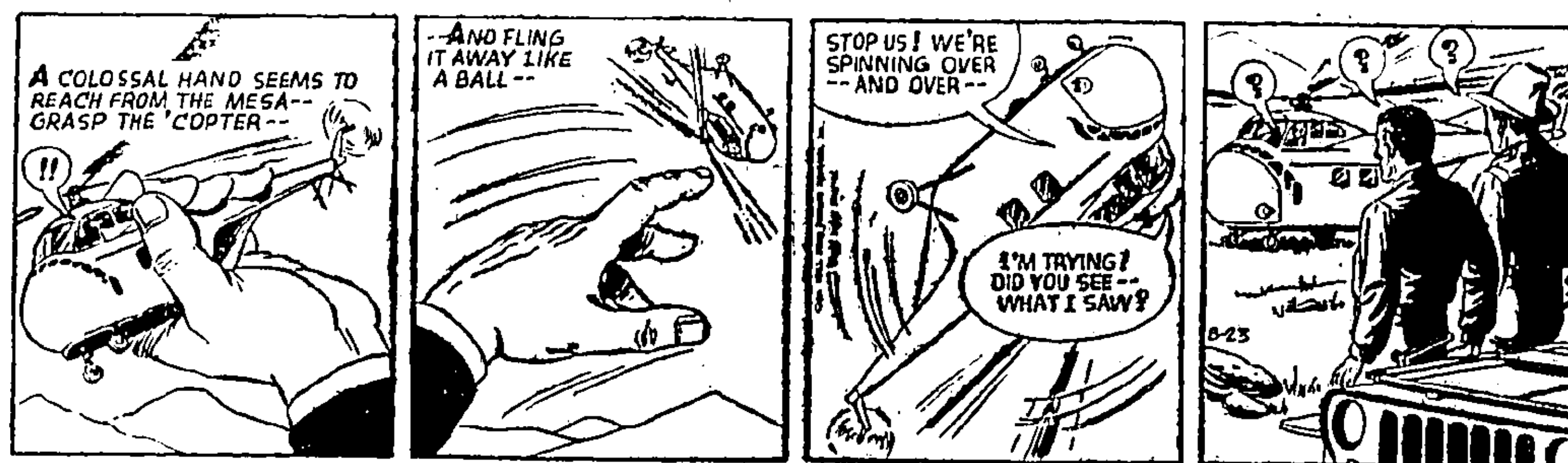
Two practical machines using these principles have been constructed, one for shop use and the other a prototype portable model. The latter development was undertaken in view of the particular advantages anticipated in the application of this process to the welding of pipes on site in positions of limited access.

It is pointed out that, apart from pipe welds, the process has important potentialities for other highly stressed components such as gas cylinders and small pressure vessels.

The process is fully automatic and apart from the necessity of ensuring correct setting of the machine, and occasional supervisory checks, highly skilled operators will not be needed.

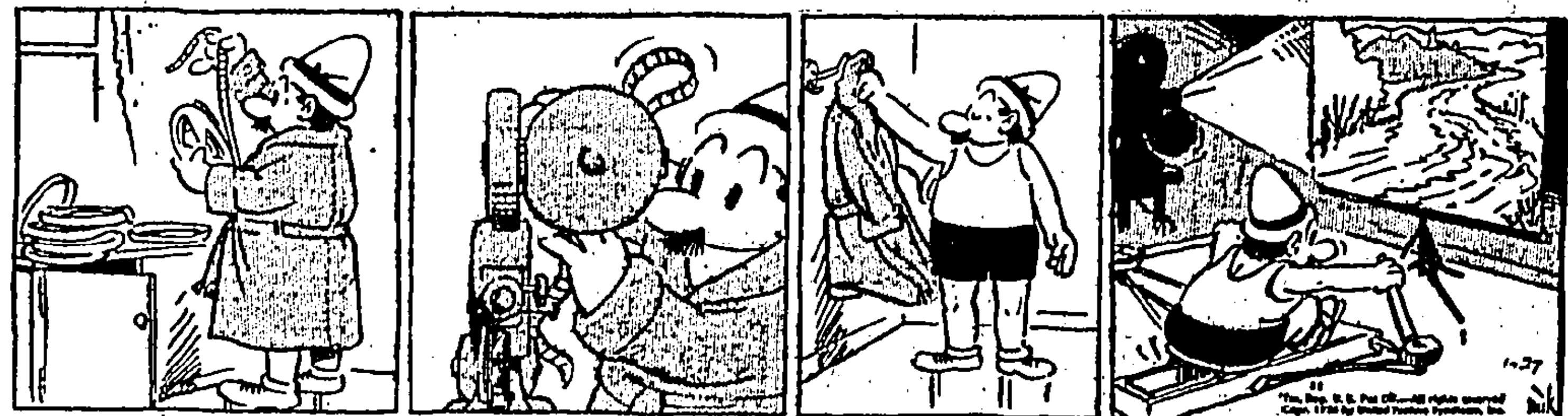
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US MILLED RICE FOR SALE

Washington, Mar. 23. The Agriculture Department said today Government-owned milled rice will be offered for sale on a competitive bid basis for export to approved foreign destinations.

The Department said first sales probably will be for export to Indonesia and Pakistan with whom foreign currency trade agreements were announced recently. Under the trade pacts these nations agreed to buy about 8 million hundred pound bags of rice.

The Department said sales will not be made on a basis that would depress world prices for rice or disrupt markets for this commodity.

The Government owns about 11,115,000 hundred pound bags of milled rice and about 1,315,000 bags of rough rice.

LIMITED

Its value to be offered will be limited to varieties produced in the southern states. The California varieties, Calrose, and California pearl, will not be offered.

The Department said its stocks of milled rice are cleaned out, more will be made available by million Government-owned rough rice.

Sales of the rice will be handled from the commodity stabilization service office at Dallas, Texas. —United Press.

May 20—World Trade Week

Washington, Mar. 23. President Eisenhower today proclaimed the week of May 20 as World Trade Week.

He urged Federal and state officials to co-operate and asked other Americans to mark the week with gatherings, discussions, exhibits and other appropriate activities.

The President said it is this country's "continuing desire" to strengthen ties of friendship with all nations of the free world.

"Expansion of the national social, cultural and business relationships," he said, "promotes the unity and solidarity of the nations of the free world." —United Press.

Rhodesian Selection Trust Advance To Government

Salisbury, Mar. 25.

The Rhodesian Selection Trust group of copper companies is advancing £2,000,000 to the Government of Northern Rhodesia and £1,000,000 to the Government of Nyasaland to be spent at the discretion of the Government on the capital costs of African development. Half of the advances will be made by Roan Antelope and the other half by Mufulira.

The loans to both Governments will be interest free until June 30, 1960. Both Governments will then have the option of repaying the loans in full or part or of converting the loans in full or part to Northern Rhodesian or Nyasaland Government bonds. These bonds bear interest at 4½ per cent per year, and the period of redemption must not be more than 20 years.

Copper Belt

Mr. R.L. Frain, Chairman of Rhodesian Selection Trust, has explained in letters to the Governors of both territories why the loans have been made. To the Governor of Northern Rhodesia he writes that his group of companies recognized that the presence of the copper belt in Northern Rhodesia, the payment by mining companies of relatively high wages to African employees, and the introduction of these employees of relatively advanced living conditions has created special problems for the Northern Rhodesian Government in relation to the education and development of Africans throughout the territory.

AMERICAN ECONOMY

Experts Endeavour To Analyse Dow-Jones Industrial Average

New York, Mar. 25.

The penetration of the Dow-Jones industrial average past the 500-mark during the past two weeks has been closely scrutinised by monetary and market experts last week.

Businessmen felt generally that market prices are simply a reflection of the current high level of industrial operations and a solid indication of the optimism regarding future business prospects.

Experts, having been a bit too cautious in their predictions for 1955, are busy now re-evaluating their facts and figures. It is now assumed that there may be dips in this or that industry, but there'll be increases in others to balance off the lag. The same for the stock market.

The breaching of the 500 mark last week in the Dow-Jones industrial component is described as motivated by investment purchases rather than speculative buying. It is pointed out that money borrowed to carry stocks at the end of February was actually lower than at the end of January, despite the higher prices. The account is to be in the direction of cash buying.

The experts insist the market still is strong, and some are now setting their sights for a drive to the 525 level.

Trouble?

When will the market run into trouble? Many ask. Of course, no one can predict the course of the market with certainty. But some experts say that something could happen almost any time. But without some extraordinary change in the news, some in Wall Street think the difficulty might come after March 26.

That day represents two reasons for a sell-off on profit taking: 1. It is six months to a day since the market broke wide open on President Eisenhower's illness. Many bought stock that day and have piled up some handsome profits. Holding that stock six months makes the profits subject to long-term capital gains tax.

2. March 26 is approaching the annual tax date—April 25.

and many with big incomes may have to sell stocks to pay their income taxes. They'll probably want to sell at high prices to get the most they can, and if the experts are right in their predictions the levels will be high on that date.

New Buying

Granting that some reaction may occur to reeling in late March, the experts say that the problem remains how far the market will go down and how much buying will be attracted by the decline.

Early last year most of the intermediate dips were followed by new buying that sent prices well above previous highs.

But, it is pointed out, prices were lower then than they were now, and traders were much less cautious.

Moody's, a well-known agency, says the changes of reactions may increase as actively mounts in the market but adds no basic change in policy is suggested by recent events.

The experts look for the industrial average to exploit the higher altitudes still further. Many look for a better performance by the so-called secondary and speculative equities, now that it is the investor and business psychology appears to have firmed considerably.

Quite Optimistic

Some observers, while not overlooking the favourable corporate earnings and dividends reports as market factors, are willing to gauge their market commitments in part by the way business executives deal in the shares of the companies they head.

U.S. News and World Report, in a study of these operations, reports last week that "the men who run U.S. industry seem to be quite optimistic about business prospects—enough so to risk their own money."

On the whole, they've been buying more stock than they've been selling. A year ago, they were in more of a selling mood. Here's where the so-called insiders are buying, according to the magazine. Aircraft, finance companies, glass, industrial machinery, office equipment, paper, petroleum, radio, television and appliances, retail trade, rubber and tyres, soap and cleaners, steel and iron, textiles and clothing, tobacco and utilities.

Not Sure Clue

Where company officials reduced stock holdings? Airlines, autos and equipment, building materials, chemicals, containers, foods and beverages, leather and shoes, mining, non-ferrous metals, motion pictures, railroads, bus lines and other transport.

The magazine cautions that while these reports on the inside transactions are "not a sure clue to real values of any individual stocks," they do reflect in a broad sense the changing business conditions. —United Press.

India Needs Second Shipyard

New Delhi, Mar. 25.

Indian Deputy Minister of Production Salish Chandra said tonight there is need for building a second shipyard in India. He said in a broadcast that steps are being taken to train shipyard technical personnel. The shipyard at Vishakhapatnam has delivered nine ships in five years, with a tenth ready for delivery. Total tonnage is 80,000 gross registered tons.

Chandra said a plan to increase the yard's capacity in order to build four diesel ships a year was expected to be put into effect by the end of this year. —United Press.

Own Resources

The Northern Rhodesian Financial Secretary, Mr. R.A. Nicholson, announcing the loan, said that "if the development plan was agreed to by the Legislative Council, the Government would provide from its own resources over the next four years a sum for African development in the territory amounting to more than double the Rhodesian Selection Trust loan." —China Mail Special.

PI Congressmen Attack On Tobacco Leaf Imports

Manila, Mar. 25. Congressmen from tobacco regions in Luzon as one man today accused President Ramon Magaysay of paving the way for lifting the ban on the importation of Virginia leaf tobacco.

The accusation stemmed from President Magaysay's announcement last Monday that he would create a five-man technical committee to determine whether the Philippines should import high grade Virginia leaf tobacco from the United States.

The President had told a Press conference that such importation would be approved should it be found necessary to blend locally grown Virginia tobacco with the imported variety to maintain the high quality of locally manufactured cigarettes.

President Magaysay made the announcement in connection with attempts by the tobacco bloc in the U.S. Congress to make the Philippines relax its restrictions on the importation of Virginia leaf tobacco.

Under a Philippines law, Virginia leaf tobacco may be imported in case of a shortage of the local supply. Following an extraordinary caucus last night the Congressional tobacco bloc led by Rep. Ferdinand Marcos claimed that President Magaysay had no right to even think of a plan which would endanger the livelihood of the people of Northern and Central Luzon. —United Press.

64-Million Dollar Loan To Tata

New Delhi, Mar. 25.

It was reliably reported today that a proposed 64-million dollar loan deal between the Tata Steel Works and the U.S. Export-Import Bank has been under negotiation.

The export of US steel to India has been dropped because American quotations on steel equipment are higher than European continental rates.

Tata is seeking the money to finance a two-million-ton expansion programme. The Company said it had placed most of its orders for new equipment with companies outside the U.S., and that Import-Export Bank rules say that money from it must be used to buy American goods. Tata expects to get its needed financing from the World Bank, since the Indian government is reported to have provided the necessary guarantee to enable Tata to get 60 million dollars. —United Press.

Lagos Trade Figures

Lagos, Mar. 25.

Trade figures just issued show that Nigeria imported Japanese goods worth more than 16½ million pounds sterling during 1955.

In the previous year the figure was only just more than 8½ million pounds sterling. The greater part of the imports consisted of cotton fabrics supplemented by fabrics of synthetic fibres. —United Press.

Preparations For Osaka Fair

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Commerce Department announced today that it will send a mission of officials and businessmen to visit 14 cities of Japan in connection with an appearance at the Osaka International Fair from April 8 to 22.

The mission will visit Sapporo, Otaru, Sendai, Yokohama, Shimizu, Shizuoka, Nagoya, Osaka, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kyoto and Takamatsu during or after the Osaka Fair. The purpose is to meet with businessmen and trade association groups. "Many subjects, including textiles, food processing, handicraft, ceramic and heavy industries, will be open for discussion," officials said.

The mission will be composed of four men, headed by Eugene M. Brademan, director of the Far Eastern Division of the Commerce Department. Other members will be Charles A. Keough, of Philadelphia, President of the Ballthall Trading Company and a past President of the Foreign Trade Association of Philadelphia; E. Krogh of Rochester, New York, President of Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company and a director of the Retail Merchants' Council of Rochester; and Veril D. Reed, President of the New York City Ice President of the J. Walter Thompson Company and past President of the American Marketing Association.

Before their tour of Japanese cities, members of the Mission will confer with U.S. Embassy officials in Tokyo.

At the Osaka Fair they will be prepared to answer questions in ways which will help to stimulate two-way international trade, according to officials. They will be supplied with a large amount of reference material to help them answer questions. They will also have 600 trade directories, catalogues, trade papers and periodicals. —United Press.

BRAZIL-EAST GERMANY TRADE TALKS

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 25. Brazil and Communist East Germany will begin trade negotiations in a few weeks to exchange large amounts of Brazilian coffee and cotton for machinery, qualified sources said today.

A delegation headed by George Kulesa, the East German Central Bank, will arrive in May to negotiate payments agreement with the Bank of Brazil, a Brazilian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Commercial deals are expected to be in the agreement, he said. —United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$200,000. Moon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSBANK	1600		
East Asia	220		
INSURANCES	100		
Union	50		
Underwriters	9.50		
Pacific	72 7/8		
K. Wharf	72 7/8		
President (O)	13	500	13.20
Whitcomb	8 15	8.30	6400
IK Hotel	14.10	14.40	500
IK Land	59 50/100	1200	59
Realty	1.50		
UTILITIES	1000	2.10	
Yung Kee Ferry	90		
C. Light (O)	20.00		
C. Light (N)	10		
Electric	2.20		
Bonus	17.70	600	17.60
Macao	1.00		
Telephones	21.80	1000	22
INDUSTRIALS	33 1/2		
STONES, ETC.	17.20	17.30	450
Watson Ltd.	10.60		
COTTON	5.20	5.40	700
Nanyang	7.40		
MISCELLANEOUS	0.70		
Allied	5.05	5.25	4000

They are cheap nowadays and the yield from an investment in them is relatively high. Demand for War Loan, for example lifted the price, 12 shillings 6 pence and that of 4 percent Consols by 10 shillings while Old Consols 2½ per cent rose 7 shillings 6 pence. In the old days of security any one of these good-as-gold stocks could spend a whole morning no more than 2 shillings 6 pence.

In foreign bonds the two German Bonds improved 1½ sterling but the Reich Loans were unchanged except for the assented Young Loan which improved ½ sterling. Japanese were also virtually unchanged except for the 1907s non-assented which jumped 2 sterling and the 1930s non-assented which rose 1 sterling. Some of the assented issues improved a few shillings.

In Latin-American issues the shares of Anglo-Lautaro Nitrates fell 5 shillings.

Tobaccos Lose

Of the curiosities of the past few weeks has been the exodus from tobacco shares. Normally there is a widespread conviction that smokers continue to smoke in calm disregard of peace or war, boom or slump. But now has come shift; people will continue to smoke but will tobacco companies even the very big ones, continue to make money? Will the government lift still

Geneva, Mar. 25. The sixty-nation international wheat conference ended its fifth week here yesterday with indications it was reaching the final stage of actually drafting an agreement.

For the second day in a row, a newly formed "articles committee" met yesterday morning, and it was understood that their job was to work out the morning of a new agreement.

Conference officials and delegates last week clamped down on even stricter secrecy than they had observed in the early stages of the meeting. For lack of other information, this pact was seized upon by many observers as another indication that the conference met on February 20 to make a new international wheat agreement. The present one, signed in 1952, expires on July 31. —United Press.

US RAW COTTON EXPORT

New York, Mar. 25. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season as to March 20 were as follows:

Britain	71,200
Continental	300,000
Orient	622,101
Canada	89,200
Latin America	1,067,200
Same period last year	2,510,000

Excluding lint. —United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Mar. 25. The market opened uncertain on Saturday on lower overseas advances. It eased later on market liquidations. Future closings were:

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Under The Stars

MICHAEL is a powerful, handsome man, cast in the mould of those romantic, humbly born heroes that were part of the stock-in-trade of some Victorian novelists.

He has the dignity that great physical strength bestows, and good looks he chooses to embellish by growing his side-whiskers long.

A patch over one eye would transform him into a swash-buckling villain, his readiness to smile at his own awkwardness invests him with an air of innocence a bishop might envy.

At Clerkenwell court, Michael pleaded not guilty to a string of charges—being a suspected person, assaulting policemen, and being in possession of house-breaking implements by night.

DO COME IN

THE police told their story. Two of them, the night before, had trailed Michael along a street in a residential suburb. They had seen him, so they told Mr. Frank Powell, the magistrate, acting suspiciously in the entrance to a block of flats; had watched as he went into the garden of a private house. When he came out from there, the policemen made to arrest him.

Michael's answer was prompt. He punched one policeman on the solar-plexus, then took to his heels. The second officer gave chase. Outside a house in another street, he caught up with Michael. There was a struggle.

The lady of the house, hearing the strange sounds almost on her doorstep, opened her front door. To the policeman who had won the "short contest", she said: "Would you like to come in and telephone from here?"

WAS I STRUGGLING?

THE invitation was gratefully accepted. The policeman took his prisoner in, and telephoned for the Black Maria.

"Was I struggling, there in your place?" Michael asked his hostess of the night before when she had told the court of her part in the affair.

The lady of the house turned to the magistrate. "He didn't struggle," she said, "but he was definitely on the alert, as if he were just waiting for an opportunity to break away."

"On the prisoner," a policeman said, "we found a torch, a tyre-lever, a knife, a screw-driver, a brace and two bits." "It's my belongings, where else should I keep them?" Michael added.

THE VOW

"IN his pocket, he had £62, and there was this slip of paper..."

The policeman handed the paper to the magistrate, who read aloud: "Remember your vows..."

"That's right," cried Michael, "I write that to remind myself to get up early in the mornings and go to work."

He went on in the witness-box, "I wasn't sure these two men what came up to me was policemen," he said, "I thought they was after me money, so I hit out and ran..."

The case was found proved. "Anything known?" asked the magistrate. He was told that nothing was known against Michael.

"Nothing?"

"No, sir. He came to this country from Ireland..."

LIKES THE OPEN AIR

THE case was remanded for inquiries to be made in Eire. At the end of a week a policeman reported nothing was known against Michael in Ireland. "He says that there he lived like a tramp, because he likes the open air," the policeman said.

"He told me that he had been living rough here, but he didn't look as if he had. He was fine and had a total of £10 and ordered to pay 25s, the fee of the doctor called to the injured policeman."

"Yes, sir," Michael said and, bracing his shoulders, went away, a free man, whose money was fine under the stars, and made vows to keep himself in order.



This morning's heavy harbour fog made things difficult for the ferries and long queues of office workers had to form up at the Star Ferry pier at Tsimtsatsui. Picture above by a staff photographer shows part of a queue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Question Of Bull

Sir,—It is understandable that your newspaper prints articles both pro and con on the subject of Bull. However, it comes to mind after reading your article by Major Robert Findlay, in today's issue of The China Mail, that he simply DOES NOT KNOW just what Bull is, simply because he has never really exposed to it for more than a week or two. My chums agree with me on this, and that is why this letter is being written to the newspaper which published Major Findlay's article.

My chums and I have a total of fifty-four (54) years of active Army service (the writer plus TWO chums), so you can see we were not recently enlisted. The fact that we were never in the Royal Signals may be held against us, perhaps, but poor unlucky us, we never graduated from the RA to Signals. But, we did spend most of the time from 1940 to 1944 having our ears drums shattered by quite a few explosions (not all our own). We wondered did we disturb the Major as he created long messages to 10 Downing Street, with our nasty, nasty barages?

After all the Army service we three have accumulated, we feel we have more experience, and we all three say: too much Bull is not at all, not AT ALL, useful; it humiliates a man; he feels like a slave; it takes away from his manhood; eventually it will cause his gastric juices to curdle (or whatever gastric juices do when disturbed by Lieutenants and Majors).

C. G. BROWNE (21 years of Bull).

B. LEEDS (19 years of Bull).

P. THOMS (14 years of Bull).

FITTING FINALE TO THE FESTIVAL

The end of the Festival of the Arts was celebrated last night by a promenade concert given by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Ritz Ballroom. There is a delightful informality about these concerts which makes it impossible for one not to enjoy oneself to the full and last night was no exception.

The first part of the programme was much more ambitious than this orchestra usually attempts. It included the first part of the suite 'Scheherazade' by Rimsky-Korsakov and the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

The Concert Orchestra is composed of many non-resident players and a core of 'regulars'. Last night, for example, some of the players were from HMS Newcastles. Under these circumstances it is impossible for the necessary combined rehearsal to be given to works of this sort with a result that both these works were rather ragged.

While admiring their zeal and ambition, I felt that it would have been better if other works had been chosen instead of these; for example, in the last movement of the Beethoven symphony, there is no problem of starting on the 'off-beat' and I think that the Orchestra could have played this with more precision and just as much ambition as the first movement.

NEW SOLOIST

Last night we were introduced to a young pianist, Fred King, who played Chopin's 'Polonaise in A flat Major' and Liszt's 'Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11'. Chopin requires a very mature and experienced pianist and the 'Polonaise' is one of the best examples of this. Technically Fred King gave quite a good performance of this work but he should wait a few more years before he plays anything by Chopin on the concert platform.

END OF AN ERA

Last night's performance marked not only the end of the Festival but it was also the last performance of the Concert Orchestra at the Ritz Ballroom. The Hongkong Concert Orchestra, the conductor, Mr. Victor Arly and the leader, Mr. Henry De Remedios, gave a wonderful job in bringing music to many who would not, perhaps, attend a formal concert. Let us hope that they will soon be able to find another home where this type of concert can be given in a delightfully informal atmosphere as at the Ritz.

By all means let them give formal concerts but there is a demand for these promenade concerts and the Concert Orchestra has been an important part of very happy entertainment at the Ritz.

— R. A. BONES.

HAD CARCASS OF CAT

Chan Yu-kai, a 55-year-old coolie, was cautioned by Mr. J. E. Durling at Central this morning for possession of the carcass of a cat.

Chan Yu-kai said that early yesterday morning, a Police constable saw defendant walking in the market place of Sing Woo Road, Happy Valley, carrying two baskets. The constable searched defendant and found a dead cat in one of the baskets, covered with a mat sack. Defendant said that he was going to use the cat for his own consumption. He was arrested and charged.

Harbour Blacked Out By Fog

The season's densest fog blanketed the harbour this morning, causing disruption to sea and air services.

For several hours before the fog began to lift shortly before 10 a.m., neither side of the harbour was visible to the other. At around 8 a.m. the visibility was 80 yards.

The dummy air attacks and fly past by aircraft from the airport, carried Albin and Centaur scheduled from 10.45 were postponed for two hours. Naval vessels leaving for "Exercise Monsoon" got away early in the morning except HMS Centaur which left at 9.45.

SHIPS HELD UP

A delay of about two hours in the arrival and departure of several ships was caused. The Italian passenger liner Victoria which dropped anchor in Kowloon Bay at 6 a.m. did not complete docking until 10.45.

Star Ferry services were restricted and irregular. A notice to this effect put up on the pier on both sides of the harbour was taken down at 10 a.m. Several commercial planes were seen circling the harbour area waiting to land.

The fog, according to the Royal Observatory, was caused by warm moisture laden air current from the east coming into contact with cold coastal water. The visibility at 11.30 a.m. was two and a half miles.

FERRIES COLLIDE

A collision occurred between two Star ferries, the Celestia and the Solar Star (from Hongkong), in mid-harbour at about 8 a.m. The Solar Star sustained slight damage. Nobody was hurt.

Cattle From Mongolia For HK

Five hundred out of a consignment of 1,200 cattle, which arrived in Canton from Inner Mongolia last week are being sent to Hongkong, says a Chinese report.

The animals travelled in cattle cars all the way by rail to Canton—a distance of more than 1,700 miles.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3 p.m. Crime Does not Pay; 3.30. Music Lovers; 4 p.m. The Power of Love; 4.30. The Children's Hour; 5 p.m. The Children's Hour; 5.30. Monday Requests; 6 p.m. Monday Requests; 6.30. Monday Requests; 7 p.m. Monday Requests; 7.30. Monday Requests; 8 p.m. Monday Requests; 8.30. Monday Requests; 9 p.m. Monday Requests; 9.30. Monday Requests; 10 p.m. Monday Requests; 10.30. Monday Requests; 11 p.m. Monday Requests; 11.30. Monday Requests; 12 a.m. Monday Requests; 12.30. Monday Requests; 1 a.m. Monday Requests; 1.30. Monday Requests; 2 a.m. Monday Requests; 2.30. Monday Requests; 3 a.m. Monday Requests; 3.30. Monday Requests; 4 a.m. Monday Requests; 4.30. Monday Requests; 5 a.m. Monday Requests; 5.30. Monday Requests; 6 a.m. Monday Requests; 6.30. Monday Requests; 7 a.m. Monday Requests; 7.30. Monday Requests; 8 a.m. Monday Requests; 8.30. Monday Requests; 9 a.m. Monday Requests; 9.30. Monday Requests; 10 a.m. Monday Requests; 10.30. 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